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1. PRESIDENT BAKR'S MAY DAY SPEECH CONTAINED PASSAGE ON RELATIONS WITH IRAN AND ITS ALLEGED ASSISTANCE TO KURDS. NOTEWORTHY WAS OMISSION OF DIRECT ALLEGATION OF U.S. ASSISTANCE. PASSAGE FOLLOWS:

2. "OUR COUNTRY HAS WORKED FOR PROMOTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL OTHER COUNTRIES REGARDLESS OF THEIR SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS. THIS POLICY HAS BEEN BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF ANY COUNTRY THE WORLD OVER. IN SPITE OF MEANINGFUL EFFORTS MADE WITH LBJ ESTABLISHING GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS WITH IRAN, REGIME THERE REMAINED ADAMANT ON ITS HOSTILITY TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR PEOPLE. IN ASSUMING THIS ATTITUDE, IRANIAN REGIME HAS BEEN GIVING EFFECT TO AN IMPERIALISTIC PLAN. NOT STOPPING AT THAT LIMIT, THE IRANIAN REGIME PROCEEDED TO COMMUNICATE IMPERIALISTIC-ZIONIST SUPPORT TO THE EVILSOME POCKET WITHIN THE KURDISH MOVEMENT IN THE NORTHERN PART OF OUR BELOVED HOMELAND HOPING BY THIS TO OBSTRUCT THE ADVANCE OF OUR REVOLUTION AND ARREST THE PROGRESSIVE TRANSFORMATIONS NOW UNDERWAY. THE ROLERS OF IRAN SEEM TO HAVE COME TO WRONG CONCLUSION THAT IN

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DEMONSTRATING DESIRE TO ESTABLISH GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS,

REVOLUTIONARY REGIME OF IRAQ WAS STEMMING FROM A POINT
OF WEAKNESS." LOWRIE

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